

RSVP of Baltimore County: Community Partners

The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is one of the largest volunteer networks in the nation for people 55 and over. Below is a list of the agency partners connected with RSVP of Baltimore County. To find out how you can share your time and talent with one of the agencies below contact 410-887-3101.

Eastern Baltimore County

- **Community Assistance Network, *Rosedale & Dundalk*:** Food pantry/kitchen assistants are directly involved in providing food to those in need. Tutor and employment mentor positions open for experienced individuals willing to teach and boost the employment readiness of residents. Volunteers needed in the Dundalk pantry to prepare boxes of non-perishable food for the nearly 50 clients visiting the pantry per day. Weekly commitment preferred but flexibility.
- **Eastern Interfaith Outreach, *Essex*:** Serve in the food pantry, sort incoming food and prepare for distribution, maintain records of clients served, and maintain cleanliness of pantry. Pantry opened Tuesdays and Thursdays. Position requires standing and moving around.
- **Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum, *Middle River*:** Assist with program support at the museum, including: record keeping, special projects, and tours. Assist with school field trips as a docent. Commitment varies.

North Central/ Central Baltimore County

- **Alzheimer's Association (Greater Maryland Chapter), *Timonium*:** Assist with community outreach events to promote resources. Volunteers sign up for locations according to availability.
- **Baltimore County Association of Senior Citizen Organizations (BCASCO), *Cockeysville*:** Educate and advocate for senior issues to seniors, family members, professionals, and legislators. Coordinate and attend bi-monthly forums held in the Randallstown area.
- **Baltimore County Detention Center, *Towson*:** Provide arts-and-crafts, instructional programs, including knitting to female inmates. Sessions run for 3-4 months, with a 2-3 hour weekly commitment. *Placement currently on hold due to COVID precautions.*
- **Greater Baltimore Medical Center, *Towson*:** Provide patient resources and support as a nursing unit assistant, while serving as a patient advocate. Various opportunities available including serving in the gift shop, greeting patients, helping with the bi-annual consignment fundraiser and more. Commitment varies.

- **Healthscope, Towson:** Serve as an outreach specialist to coordinate health screenings, flu shot clinics and lead a variety of instructional classes. Looking for people with a nursing background.
- **Hereford Food Pantry, Monkton:** Participate in stocking, sorting, and distributing food to qualified individuals while maintaining the cleanliness of the pantry. Pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-3pm and Saturdays 9-11am.
- **Maryland Agricultural Research Council, Hunt Valley:** Various opportunities available including office support, outdoor grounds maintenance and educational kids programming.
- **Pro Bono Counseling Project, Towson:** Provide administrative support to a team of professionals who offer counseling services to Maryland residents lacking financial access to mental health care. Tasks include communicating with pro bono counselors, data entry, and other computer related tasks. Weekly commitment of a few hours.
- **Senior Box Office, Parkville:** Volunteer assignments vary but are centered on providing discounted theater and concert tickets, as well as travel. Volunteers help to promote membership, possibly plan trips and usher for local theaters.
- **Senior Craft Gallery, Parkville:** Volunteers help display and sell senior handmade crafts at the consignment shop. The shop is opened Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10 am-2pm and 1st & 3rd Saturdays 9am-noon. Volunteers sign up for shift preference.

North Western/ Western Baltimore County

- **Great Kids Farm, Catonsville:** Assist with year round fruit and vegetable processing, lead educational farm tours for local students, and assist in year round maintenance and beautification of farm. Opportunities involving children require a free finger printing and sex offender search. Commitment varies.
- **Irvine Nature Center, Owings Mills:** Lead groups of children on nature trips at the Nature Center, and assist with operational activities for program support. Volunteers must commit to leading 3 sessions during their first school year and 6 sessions thereafter. Other needs include landscaping maintenance of the facility at a minimum of 4 hours per shift.
- **Maryland Food Bank, Halethorpe:** Sort canned goods for distribution in the Maryland Food Bank's warehouse. Volunteers create their own schedule using the agency's online volunteer calendar.

Various Locations throughout Baltimore County

- **AARP Tax Aide Program:** Provide tax preparation assistance and counseling to low-income residents. Mandatory 80 hours of training in the fall and volunteers must commit to at least one day per week during the tax season, February- April.
- **American Red Cross of Greater Chesapeake & Potomac Services**
Region: Support the blood services division by greeting and escorting donors, providing refreshments, transporting blood donations, facilitating youth clubs or serving on a disaster preparedness team. Time commitments vary.
- **Baltimore County Christian Workcamp:** Improve the homes of and provide assistance for limited-income individuals and families throughout Baltimore County during a one week period each July. Volunteers don't need to be skilled.
- **Baltimore County Public Schools:** Assist the teachers in a variety of daily tasks, including helping students one-on-one who need extra attention, serving snacks, or reading stories. An ongoing weekly commitment of a few hours throughout the school year expected.
- **Baltimore County Senior Centers:** Use skills and talents to supplement senior center services ranging from fitness center monitoring, assisting with new member orientation, teaching classes and serving on the leadership board. Twenty centers throughout the county. Time commitment varies according to the role and the center.
- **Baltimore County Senior Centers- Eating Together:** Assist in the senior centers with serving nutritionally balanced meals that bring participants together for socialization. Volunteers will receive ServSafe training for handling the food. All meals are prepared by a caterer.
- **CASA of Baltimore County:** Serve as a court-appointed advocate for the well-being of abused and neglected children in Baltimore County, including their placement in safe and permanent homes. Serve as facilitators to help with communication between the court, social workers, attorneys, therapists, and teachers to ensure all parties fulfill their obligations to the child in a timely manner. Volunteers are matched with a child based on proximity. Monthly commitment of 7-10 hours.
- **Gilchrist Hospice:** Provide companionship to terminally ill patients, both in inpatient and home settings. Clients in their homes are matched on proximity to the volunteer. Weekly commitment of 3-4 hours.
- **Gunpowder Valley Conservancy:** Care for the lands, waters, and character of the Gunpowder Watershed. Provide environmental education and restoration, and land and historic preservation through participation in tree plantings, stream cleans up, and trail maintenance. Volunteer crew chiefs also needed to oversee teams of volunteers working on the hands on projects. Events scheduled throughout the year: flexible scheduling.

- **Home Team Program:** Offer a weekly friendly visit to a senior to increase socialization and prevent isolation or help deliver food on an ongoing basis from food pantries to homebound seniors. Clients assigned based on proximity to the volunteer. Volunteer determines the number of clients they assist.
- **Maryland Hunger Solutions:** Provide SNAP (Formally Food Stamps) outreach and application assistance to at-risk and low-income citizens of Baltimore County. Looking for assistance with registering clients for SNAP; serving meals to kids with summer and afterschool meal programs; canvassing neighborhoods to get the word out about the agency.
- **Ombudsman:** Provide consumer rights information and work to resolve the issues and concerns of those in Long Term Care facilities. Advocate on behalf of residents and investigate allegations of abuse. Schedule is flexible but an expected weekly commitment of a couple of hours plus time for documenting visits. Initial mandatory 20 hour training.
- **Pets on Wheels:** Pets on Wheels is a therapeutic volunteer program that offers the companionship of animals to provide comfort to people who are experiencing loneliness, stress, or other difficulties. The animals, along with their human handlers, visit a number of facilities including nursing homes, schools, retirement homes, hospices, and hospitals. At minimum, a commitment of once a month is expected. Volunteers are matched with locations based on need and proximity.
- **Project Linus:** Make handmade blankets to provide comfort to children in need. Volunteers can assist from their homes but need to connect with the Project Linus Coordinator to determine a drop off location.
- **Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP):** Provide unbiased, objective assistance, education, and advocacy to those new to Medicare or those with questions about Medicare. Volunteers either provide phone support or assist during community outreach events. Minimum commitment of 3 hours per week.